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PATENT 5659-02400/TH1949  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3672

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/841,000  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
TO INCREASE A  
PERMEABILITY OF THE  
FORMATION

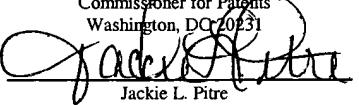
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Amendment

**GROUP 3600**

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2201, 2240, and 5406 without prejudice.